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So it was in the days of Titans and Gods that Zeus the all powerful came to rule the Heavens. On the drawing of lots Hades became ruler of the Nether World, his brother Poseidon took charge of the Oceans and all those others had interest in the lands of Earth.

Acrisius King of Argos upon learning from an oracle that he would be killed by the Son of his Daughter, became fearful for his life and locked his daughter away in a Fortress of bronze. This was not enough to protect his daughter Danae from the amorous intentions of Zeus who transformed himself into a shower of Golden Rain and secured the girl Danae.

When Acrisius discovered that Danae had become pregnant, he waited until the child was born and then cast both mother and child adrift on the sea in a wooden Casket thereby publishing his own life.

At length the Casket drifted onto the shores of Seriphos where it was discovered by a fisherman. The child grew up in happiness but eventually the King of Seriphos Polydectes decided that he wished to marry Danae. Only Danae's son Perseus would thwart the plans of the king who had now demanded that each person on Seriphos should bring a gift to the Royal Palace.

Perseus having no possessions enquired how he could please the King who thereupon demanded that Perseus bring back the head of Medusa the Gorgon whose very glance could turn man to stone.

You are Perseus son of Zeus and Danae, to protect the life of your mother you must do the King's bidding even though no man has ever beheld Medusa and lived.